PSA Blog Reflection for Week 5

* clearly analyze the group’s pre-production, production, and post-production process; shot and editing selection; Web delivery formatting decisions.
* offer insights into how the group can improve their public service announcement.
* identify copyright attribution for assets.
* discuss your team’s collaboration and interactions with each other.

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1. What outcomes had you envisioned for this course? Did you achieve those outcomes? Did the actual course outcomes align with those that you envisioned?
2. To the extent that you achieved the outcomes, are they still relevant to the work that you do in your school? Why or why not?
3. What outcomes did you not achieve? What prevented you from achieving them?
4. Were you successful in completing the course assignments? If not, what prevented or discouraged you?
5. What did you learn from this course: about yourself, your technology and leadership skills, and your attitudes?

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| I must admit that when I discovered that Multimedia and Video was a course on my graduate plan, I was thrilled. I do find that the use of multimedia is something that I enjoy not only for work purposes, but for personal use as well. Although this is an area that I feel that I am somewhat strong in, I am certainly aware that it also an area that I can always grow in.  Before actually beginning this course, my expected outcomes were to gain more knowledge of various educational resources that are available on the web and for purchase. I also expected to gain a better understanding about how this type of technology can assist my students in meeting the technology standards that they are required to fulfill. My hope was for me to gain new ideas for classroom projects that my elementary students would be able to produce.  I do feel that most of my anticipated outcomes have been met. |

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| My course outcomes were achieved through many different ways. For example, I was able to learn about Video Spin which is a free video editing download that have enjoyed using during this course. This software is so user-friendly that I know that my students will also enjoy using it. I can envision many different current multimedia projects that will be enhanced by the use of this software.  Also, although I am already familiar with Movie Maker, I have now learned how to use different features that I was not aware of prior to this course. I have learned how to layer the effects on the storyboard to create an interesting effect.  This new information is highly relevant to my current job situation as a Technology Applications teacher and has given me more ideas about how the use of these different programs can be used for project-based lessons for my students. I will soon be transferring job positions and will take on the role of an instructional technologist. These types of resources will be great to share with the teachers who I will train in the future to integrate into their curriculum as well. |

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| Although I feel that I achieved my expected outcomes, there are areas that I would have liked to see more details about. I was able to learn about a range of software and it uses, but I would have also appreciated some resources that gives specific lesson plans or instructions on how to integrate this information in elementary classrooms.  I would have also benefited from gaining some information about animation. I am not sure if this is something we will discuss in future classes or not, but I feel that it is an important part of multimedia content. My students currently enjoy creating basic animations. It would have been great to gain knowledge of additional resources as well as lesson plans that can be used in a classroom setting. It would also be valuable to learn how we as teachers can use animation to capture the interest of our children by modeling animation. In what ways can we modify our presentations to parents, peers, community members and students using this type of technology? |
| I was successful in completing my assignments this course. I have to acknowledge that it was quite a challenge for me though. Like everyone else, life sometimes creates obstacles for being the “perfect” graduate school student. During this course I have had struggles in my personal life as well as work. I recently interviewed and accepted a new job. This has required me to manage work from two different jobs simultaneously. I am also training the teacher who will replace me as a technology applications teacher as well. It has been a difficult managing this course with other priorities in my life.  Another setback that I encountered was that I misunderstood that the video project could not include the majority of still images. I could not find where the syllabus specified this information. I spend every night for 5 days shooting pictures and editing them for the PSA project. This was disappointing to me and my group because we were required to start the project again. I felt that some much valuable time was lost. Despite this difficulty, our team was able to come together and work very hard to create an amazing final product. I am proud of our team and what we accomplished. |

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| I was able to learn a great deal about myself during this course. I learned that I am stronger than I thought I was. One of the reasons why I waited so long to go back to school was because I did not believe I could manage so many different things at once. Although my family and I are basically in survival mode, we have been and will continue to be successful.  I have also discovered that I am growing quickly in my understanding technology. Since my background has not been in technology, I am proud that in the past three years I have been able to grasp so much information in such a short amount of time. I do realize that technology is such a broad area, and that I have so much to learn, I am confident that I am capable of learning even more.  I feel that as a leader I have many strengths and weaknesses. I am strong in the areas of working with people, dedication, integrity, work ethic, creativity and fairness. I believe that I still need to grow in the areas of not taking criticism personally and being assertive enough among a group of other leaders.  During this course I realize that I have had to constantly keep my attitude in check. When so many events are going on, and stress settles it, it is easy to have a negative attitude. I have be trying my best to stay positive and encouraging throughout this process. |